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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Gary Como et al.

Appln. No.: 09/710,154

Filed: November 9, 2000

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
BUSINESS PLANNING VIA A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Examiner: L. Zhen

Art Unit: 2126

Attorney Docket No.: 10022/18

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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, One (1) Cited Reference, Deposit Account No. 23-1925 Charge of \$180.00.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

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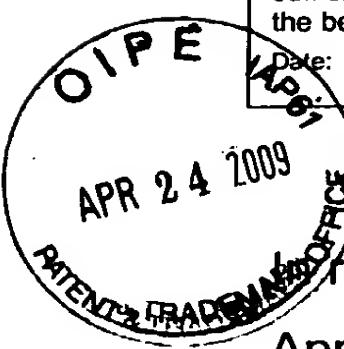
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following reference for consideration by the Examiner. In particular the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) have been satisfied as shown by the attached certification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the concurrent filing of a check for the amount of \$180 to cover the Rule 97(d) fee set forth under Rule

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1.17(p). Copies of the U.S. Patents, WIPO publication and the Butler reference are not being supplied since they were supplied in one or more Information Disclosure Statements previously filed in the above mentioned patent application. The Min et al. reference has been enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

**I. DISCLOSURE**

**A. Literature**

1) Min et al., "An /Integrated Decision Support System for Global Logistics," International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management, Vol. 24, No. 1, available at <http://cstl-hcb.semo.edu/eom/research/dsslogistics.pdf> as of April 15, 2009, 1994, pp. 29-39.

**II. DISCUSSION**

**A. U.S. Patent No. 5,893,076**

The '076 patent was cited in an Office Action for a corresponding Canadian patent application. A copy of the Office Action is attached.

**B. U.S. Patent No. 5,974,395**

The '395 patent was cited in an Office Action for a corresponding Canadian patent application.

**C. WO 00/23925**

The '925 reference was cited in an Office Action for a corresponding Canadian patent application. It is believed that the '925 reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,226,675, which has been previously made of record in the above mentioned patent application.

**D. Min et al. Reference**

The Min et al. reference was cited in an Office Action regarding a corresponding Canadian patent application.

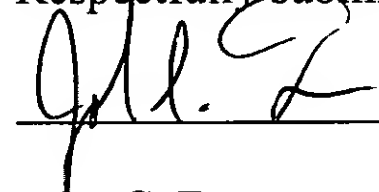
**E. Butler Group Reference**

The Butler Group reference ("Butler Group - E-Business," published by Butler Direct Limited, Vol. 2, April, 1999, pp. 31-33) was cited in an Office Action regarding a corresponding Canadian patent application.

**III CONCLUSION**

It is not believed that the above reference, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the invention claimed. Applicants wish it to be known that the recitation of the above-mentioned reference should not be deemed an admission that it qualifies as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have this reference available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of the above-mentioned reference and make it of record.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)**

I, John C. Freeman, certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement attached hereto was first cited in an Office Action from the Canadian Patent Office regarding Canadian Patent Application No. 2,428,209, which is a counterpart foreign patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/710,154. The Canadian Office Action was mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of the attached information disclosure statement.

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